GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to seek assistance for Non-Governmental Organisations for disaster management; and

(b) if so, the nature of assistance likely to be sought from NGOs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

(a) & (b): Community level awareness and involvement are vital to mitigation, prevention and preparedness for disasters. The Non-Governmental Organisations are expected to play animportant role both in generating awareness as well as in motivating the community to take mitigation and preparedness measures. The Disaster Risk Management Programme undertaken by the Government in 169 most hazard prone districts in 17 States in the country, inter alia, envisages association of Non-Governmental Organisations in the consultation process for area specific disaster reduction and recovery strategies and inclusion of such organizations in the Disaster Management Committees formed at State, District, Block Gram Panchayat and Village/Ward levels.